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Michele Waltz
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Re: Proposed Reclamation, Golden Eagle Mining, Yerian Mine S/047/034, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Ms. Waltz:

This letter is a follow up to our telephone conversation of June 25, 1997, regarding the proposed reclamation work at the Yerian Mine. To recap our conversation, this mine is located on private property along the Green River in the Horseshoe Bend area approximately 14 miles south of Vernal, Utah. Maps of the Horseshoe Bend area with the general location of the mine site are attached.

The current mine operator wishes to reclaim the disturbances at the mine site to be released from further reclamation responsibilities. My reason for contacting you is to see if the subcontractor who will be doing the work needs permits or clearances from your office. Some of the disturbances to be reclaimed are located along the river bank. In particular, there is a level pad area cleared of vegetation at the pump location and another similar area next to a cobble pile. These cleared areas have some small piles of material which was bladed off to make the level pad. The proposed reclamation for these areas would include regrading the piles to blend in with the natural contours, ripping or scarifying any compacted areas, and seeding the affected areas. The other remaining mining disturbances to be reclaimed are well away from the river bank.

Please provide a written response to this letter describing your permitting requirements for this proposed work, or any recommendations for revegetation of these areas near the river. The mine operator is interested in proceeding with this work as soon as possible, so a timely response would be much appreciated. Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Attachment: Yerian Mine site maps
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